

The ASPIRE Program: a fantastic program at Glencoe!

About ASPIRE

Administered by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, ASPIRE (Access to Student assistance Programs In Reach of Everyone) seeks to provide Oregon high school students solid pathways beyond high school. ASPIRE matches trained community volunteers with high school students to provide one-on-one mentoring. ASPIRE Advisors guide students through the process of applying for college, financial

aid, and scholarships. ASPIRE serves students by:

- Helping high schools build a sustainable community of volunteer advisors
 - Educating students and families about the scholarship application process and other options for paying for postsecondary education
- Providing advising, resources, and encouragement to help students access education and training beyond high school.

ASPIRE Today

Beginning with just four pilot schools in 1998 as a program to encourage students who do not typically think of themselves as college bound, ASPIRE is now in 114 schools, engages over 1,000 volunteers, and reaches over 6,000 students from all walks of life. ASPIRE remains unique in the nation as a program offering volunteer mentors to all types of student.

ASPIRE and the Oregon Student Assistance Commission

ASPIRE Partners

ASPIRE was developed as a collaborative project between the Oregon Student Assistance Commission and the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF), a private nonprofit based in Portland whose mission is to enhance nonprofit community development projects. Since its inception, ASPIRE has expanded to include several partnerships, including the state of Oregon. A complete list of partners can be found at www.aspireoregon.org/partners.html

ASPIRE Structure

The ASPIRE program is administered by Oregon Student Assistance Commission's Grants and Scholarships Division. Four Region Supervi-

sors work directly with high school site supervisors and administration to successfully manage the program in Oregon schools. Each participating school fits into one of four statewide regions, displayed below on the ASPIRE map.

Some schools partner with AmeriCorps and have an AmeriCorps member developing the ASPIRE program, which Glencoe is very fortunate to have an AmeriCorps member, Christine Nutters. Christine is here to help you figure out what you are doing after High School - whether it be 4 year college, community college, technical school, apprenticeships or career choices. Christine graduated from Lewis & Clark with a BA in International Affairs and Communication.

After graduation Christine moved to Scotland for a year, when she returned she started working in philanthropy in California and Oregon. Christine has lived in Portland for 5 years, but is a California transplant from San Francisco.

In addition to her interest in college counseling, Christine is vivacious and ready to help your student successfully achieve success in their post-secondary goals. Please feel free to come in to talk with her, phone her, or email if you have any questions about volunteering with the ASPIRE program. Just to get you parents off to the right start we will be having a training on October 22nd.

Your Glencoe student and YOU can get involved!

ASPIRE Students

ASPIRE is for all students. It is an all-comer's program and serves the entire student body. Any student who believes they can benefit from an ASPIRE advisor is welcomed and encouraged to participate. By being inclusive, ASPIRE ensures that all of Oregon's students have many options for a

future beyond high school.

ASPIRE Advisors

Glencoe Career Center Volunteer ASPIRE Advisors, are assigned to work one-on-one with students, guiding them through important steps toward postsecondary education. The ASPIRE Advisor position attracts a broad spectrum of

adult volunteers.

Many are parents/guardians of students at the ASPIRE school, professionals, some of whom are the first in their family to attend college, or retired community members. Volunteers do not have to have attended college themselves to be effective ASPIRE advisors.